

## Levy and resignation discussed at council

By Vivian Krueger

At the October Village Council meeting, Mayor Jay Gohman asked that residents please vote for the November levy. This is a renewal levy and will not raise real estate taxes. For the upcoming election, the mayor reminded residents that political signs may not be larger than six square feet and must be back five feet from the property line.

Mark Holcomb, Chief Fiscal officer, discussed the 5.58 mill renewal operating levy which helps with over all expenses of the Village including Fire Department expenses, maintenance of streets and trees and salaries for Village employees.

(See Letter from council)

### Muennich resigns

Mayor Gohman read the resignation letter from Councilman Jim Muennich. The Muennich family is moving to Kenwood. Muennich addressed the Council

stressing his pleasure of serving with capable, hardworking volunteers who have given so much time and talent serving Terrace Park. Gohman thanked Muennich for all of his efforts on behalf of Council.

### Martin Marietta

Robert Malloy reported that Martin Marietta oral arguments are November 3 before Judge Robert Ruehlman on the merits of the administrative appeal.

### Life Squad and Fire Dept.

Life Squad Chief John Maggard announced that the traditional Pancake Supper could not be held due to ongoing renovation at TP Elementary. Instead, a “Chilipalooza” and cornhole competition event will be held Sunday, October 23, at the TP Emergency Services Station from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend. The Emergency Medical services continues to ask residents

to join its volunteer ranks.

Fire Chief Luke Frey reported that 14 fire hydrants were repaired and a few hydrants that were replaced were over 80 years old. The 2011 budget has \$1,150 left to continue hydrant work. Eight new recruits are expected to be part of a new training class. Frey hopes more residents will volunteer.

### Leaf pickup

Police Chief and Street Commissioner Jerry Hayhow announced that leaf pickup begins Oct. 17th. He urged residents to put only leaves on the curb. No trash, rocks, debris or sticks as they jam and break the leaf machines causing days of delay.

### Building permits

Building Official John Hester reported that six permits and one engineering change were issued.

### Setback correction

Councilman Tom Tepe, Planning and Zoning, presented a resolution that David Moyer, head of the zoning commission, explained concerning a setback of five feet for accessory buildings/backyards that was a correction back to the 2007 code.

### Trees

Councilman Jeff Krueger, Buildings and Grounds, reviewed the Fall planting of 43 trees. Old and diseased trees needing to be removed (by Duke, Davey and TP maintenance workers) have been marked with painted dots.

Krueger asked residents to contribute to the Terrace Park Memorial Tree Fund by purchasing a tree for \$250 to honor current and past TP residents by placing their names on the Memorial Plaque hanging in the Community House. The \$250 pays for the tree, the planting and the plaque. The maintenance of the memorial trees falls under the TP Street Tree Program.

### Finance

Councilman Mark Porst, finance, passed three resolutions. The first replaced and clarified a resolution concerning John Hester’s salary and state retirement plan. The second resolution is a formality allowing the Hamilton County Auditor to collect property taxes. The third resolution was a budget amendment for \$12,962 to cover fire hydrant work, the arborist’s salary and the tree fund.

### Please stop

Councilman Stefan Olson, Public Safety, asked that residents come to a full stop at stop signs.

### Wooster Pike

Councilman Muennich, Public Works, gave the final report of the Wooster Pike Improvement Committee. (See related articles on page 7.) The mayor thanked Muennich and his committee for undertaking and completing this huge project.

## McManus wins national award

Mariemont High School senior Connor McManus was honored by the National Council of Teachers of English in the 2011 NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing program.

Only 520 high school seniors received this award from 1,649 students nominated in their junior year by teachers from across the nation, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Canada and American schools abroad.

The Achievement Awards in Writing program was established in 1957 to encourage high school students in their writing and to recognize publicly some of the best student writers in the nation. Assessments of student writing are based on students’ samples of their own best prose or verse and on impromptu themes that are written under supervision. A team of English teachers judge the writing, looking for writing that demon-



Connor McManus, a Mariemont High School senior, earned a superior writing award from the National Council of Teachers of English.

strates effective and imaginative use of language to inform and move an audience.

Connor McManus is the son of Leslie and Dan McManus of Terrace Park. His junior year English Language instructor at Mariemont High School was Cheryl Toepfer.

## Laug selected for Playhouse Critics’ Workshop

Mariemont High School junior Peter Laug has been accepted into the Jackie Demaline Criticism Workshop at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Laug will participate in monthly workshops with area high school students on critical analysis and creative writing taught by Cincinnati Enquirer theater critic Jackie Demaline. Acceptance into this workshop is highly competitive.

Peter Laug is the son of Connie and David Laug of Terrace Park.



Peter Laug was selected for participation in the Jackie Demaline Criticism Workshop at Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.

## Letter from Council

Dear Terrace Park Resident

Village Council asks all Terrace Park voters to approve “renewal” of our current 5.58 mill operating levy this November 8th. Voting “FOR” this renewal will not increase or decrease your real estate taxes.

The Hamilton County Auditor periodically reappraises existing Terrace Park properties. This appraisal process does not increase revenue collected by Terrace Park from our 5.58 mill operating levy. The county auditor offsets changes in aggregate property values with proportionate changes in the tax millage to effectuate the collection of constant tax dollars. As we said above, voting “For the Tax Levy” renews our existing 5.58 mill levy and will not increase or decrease your real estate taxes.

Our goal is to maintain the high quality services you have come to expect from Terrace Park.

This operating levy is the Village’s single largest source of funds, accounting for about \$700,000 or 40% of our annual receipts. This covers Police, Fire, EMS, Maintenance and other critical services. We constantly look for ways to save money and are committed to operating as efficiently as possible. Please help us maintain Terrace Park services by voting “FOR THE TAX LEVY” to renew our 5.58 mill operating levy on November 8th .

If you have any questions about village finances or your real estate tax bill, please call Mark Porst at (513) 576-1645 or Mark Holcomb at (513) 576-6065

Sincerely,  
Terrace Park Village Council:

Lee Cole, Jeff Krueger, Jim Muennich, Tom Tepe, Mark Porst, Stefan Olson

Mayor, Jay Gohman and Chief Fiscal Officer, Mark Holcomb

## Eberhard receives national recognition

Terrace Park artist Mark Eberhard continues to receive recognition on the national stage. His painting of a *Snowy Owl* was selected to receive the Western Visions Trustees Purchase Award at The National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyoming and will join two of his paintings in the permanent collection of the museum. *Snowy Owl* was chosen from among more than 200 paintings and sculptures juried into the exhibition from artists around the world. Eberhard and his wife,



*Snowy Owl* by Mark Eberhard

renowned living artists as well as work by John James Audubon and Andy Warhol. This is only the third time the museum has chosen to spotlight a recent acquisition in their main gallery.

*On the Edge* was originally painted for the juried Birds In Art exhibition at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum and spent a year on tour to art museums throughout the country, from California to Vermont, before making its permanent home in the NMWA’s collection in Jackson. The 5’ x 5’ painting depicts six birds that are “on the edge” of becoming extinct.

Eberhard was also commissioned to paint an installation for the Pebble Hill Plantation in Thomasville, Georgia. His 30’ painting depicting the flora and fauna of the region is now on display at this historic plantation. In addition to being represented by western and east coast galleries, a selection of Eberhard’s work can be seen locally at Rowhouse Gallery in Milford.



Alice and Mark Eberhard

Alice, were in Jackson to receive the award and to participate in the opening of his solo exhibition at the art gallery that represents his work there.

Eberhard will be further honored by the National Museum of Wildlife Art beginning October 22 when his painting *On the Edge* becomes the focus of a six month exhibition that gives context to the recent museum acquisition within the larger framework of the museum’s collection. The exhibition will include work by several world



**VV Deadline** - Thursday, November 3rd by 9 p.m. For articles please contact Chandi Findley at [tpvillageviews@fuse.net](mailto:tpvillageviews@fuse.net). For calendar submissions please contact Hester Sullivan at [hestersullivan@me.com](mailto:hestersullivan@me.com). For ads please contact Cyndy Finnigan at **831-5121**.



# MHS Homecoming

Mariemont High School celebrated Homecoming 2011 through the “Decades.”

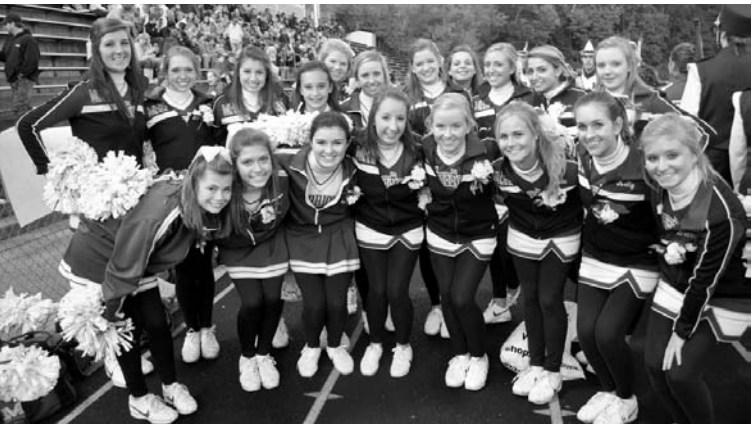
On Friday, September 30, Mariemont High School along with alumni and community, held their annual homecoming celebration, with each current class representing a different decade.



Mariemont High School's senior class won the “Decade”-themed Homecoming float competition with their Elvis-inspired entry, “It’s good to be King”.



Reigning over Mariemont High School Homecoming 2011 was the Royal Court: freshmen Nick Weston and Andi Christopher; juniors Emmett Saulnier and Polly Brittingham; seniors Max Long, Catherine Kemper, King Ben Gorman, Queen Lindsey Serraino, Nate Wagner, Mallory Widecan, Eric Nerl and Elizabeth McCracken, and sophomores Danny Renner and Payton Coates.



Mariemont High School cheerleaders were in full force to cheer on their Warriors Varsity Football team during the Homecoming game.



King Ben Gorman and Queen Lindsey Serraino reigned over the Homecoming festivities at Mariemont High School on September 30.



The Mariemont High School band wove through the streets of Mariemont heading toward Kusel Stadium for Homecoming 2011.

## Notice given: TPHS annual business meeting

The Terrace Park Historical Society will conduct its annual business meeting Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. in the Community Building. The meeting will follow the society's holiday brunch, which begins at 11:30 a.m.

Members will be asked to consider a change to the bylaws that will permit board membership to increase from 15 to 16 positions; the organization's audio tour of Terrace Park, which is being devel-

oped by board member Tricia DeMichele, will debut; and Treasurer Meg Comer will provide a concise financial report.

Those who come for brunch will be treated to a creative display of archival photos that is being prepared by program chair Elaine Fening. There is no charge to attend the brunch but reservations are requested. Please call 248-1777 by Nov. 25 to RSVP.

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## Mariemont High School presents Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

Mariemont High School presents the misadventures and musings of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters from William Shakespeare's *Hamlet* who are childhood friends of the prince, focusing on their actions with the events of *Hamlet* as background. *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* is structured as the inverse of *Hamlet*; the title characters are the leads, not supporting players, and *Hamlet* himself has only a small part.

In Tom Stoppard's comedy, we watch and laugh while Rosencrantz and Guildenstern try to piece together what little information they are given. Ultimately, they are swept up and overwhelmed by the tenants of Elsinore Castle, but along the way they explore the limits of language, ponder their own origins and purpose, and debate whether life can have meaning when death seems to be so meaningless.

Rosencrantz (Emma Welch) and Guildenstern (Lizzie Deadrick) are taking on roles that

are simply daunting in size and scope (they are on stage from beginning to end.) They are accompanied on stage by a character known only as the Player (Braxton Stricker) and his traveling band of Tragedians (Kyle Matz, Kayla Wood, Hunter Thiers, Cate Donahue and Reagan Greene), and of course, the cast of *Hamlet* (Peter Laug, Jonathon Dietz, Katie Arends, Connor

McManus, and Sarah Crabtree). The play is directed by MHS alum Sean Cameron.

Performances will take place on November 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. (a change from the dates in the district calendar) in the Mariemont High School Auditorium, 3812 Pocahontas. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and may be purchased by calling 271-7664.



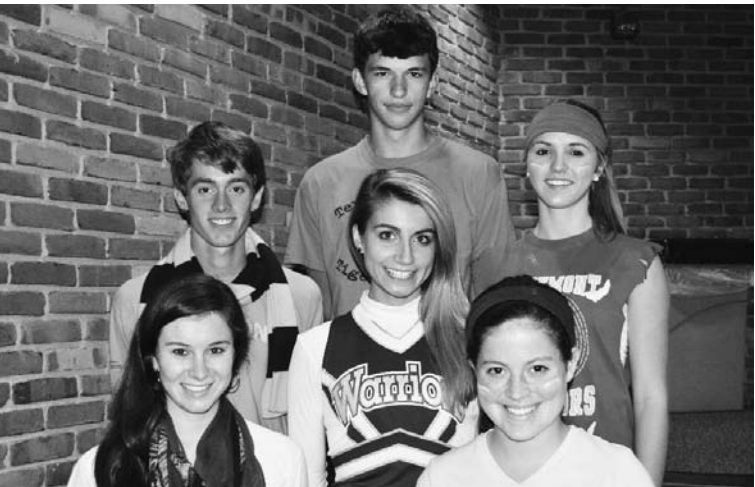
Lead actors, Peter Laug, Katie Arends, Lizzie Deadrick, Emma Welch and Braxton Stricker strike a pose during rehearsals for Mariemont High School's fall play, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*.

## Six named National Merit Commended Students

Based upon their achievement on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in 2010,

Mariemont High School seniors Elizabeth Deadrick, Wil Dietz, Kate Hassey, Karin Long, Connor McManus and Katie Wray have

earned Letters of Commendation. Their scores placed them in the top five percent of all juniors who took the national exam last year.



National Merit Commended Students from Mariemont High School this year are: back: Connor McManus, Wil Dietz, Katie Wray; front: Elizabeth Deadrick, Karin Long and Kate Hassey.

### Council meeting broadcast schedule

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Terrace Park's Kindervelt #76 will be selling luminaria kits in connection with the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on the Village Green, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. New this year, Kindervelt is **GOING GREEN!** We are cutting back on paper supplies and will be sending information on the TP List email, the TP Elementary email, and through the Village Views. A Kindervelt member will deliver your kit to you, once you've placed your order, but **WILL NOT** be coming door-to-door to sell them to you.

Luminarias can be placed along your sidewalk, driveway, or street. The fire siren will sound at 6:00 pm to signal the lighting of the candles. If the weather is poor, no siren will sound and the lighting will be postponed for one week. Festivities on the Village Green will begin at approximately 6:30 pm. Come join in the fun!

Luminaria kits contain 20 candles, 20 white paper bags, approximately 15 lbs of sand and instructions for assembly. The cost is \$15 per kit.

Don't miss this magical start to the holiday season in Terrace Park! Please complete the order form below and mail or drop off by December 1<sup>st</sup> to Jody Duckwall, 105 Michigan Drive, Terrace Park, OH 45174. Please make checks payable to Kindervelt #76. **All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital.**

Kits will be delivered on or before Thursday, December 1, 2011. If you have questions, please feel free to call Susie Kelley at 314-0907 or email your order to [susankelleyjd@yahoo.com](mailto:susankelleyjd@yahoo.com).

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# Arts and Crafts fair huge success

Mother Nature smiled on the 2011 Art and Crafts Fair held Sunday, September 11th in downtown Mariemont. The event was a huge success with over 90 exhibitors, thousands of shoppers and picture perfect weather. Artists and crafters of all sorts showed their paintings, handmade clothing, sculptures, photography, candles, cards and stationary, jewelry and much more.

Local teachers and talented artists Kate Schwerzler and Kasey Watkins had the pleasurable, yet challenging task of selecting this year's best in show exhibitors from a field of exceptionally talented contenders. Jamie Morath of Loveland, Ohio was selected as Best in Show artist. Jamie is an award winning artist who loves to paint with acrylic and ink on watercolor paper and canvas. Jamie says, "I always try new

experiments and techniques because you never know what masterpiece you will create next." The Alpaca Shop, located in New Richmond, was chosen Best in Show. In addition to featuring beautiful articles of clothing and art made from a sustainable and "pet-able" resource, shoppers were treated to an up close and personal connection with two live baby alpacas and their mothers.

This year's raffle awarded three major prizes. Lora Coonce of Carrollton, TX and daughter of Terrace Park resident Jim Gilchrist, was awarded the grand prize, a 32" flat screen TV and Flipdaddy's cooler, glasses and koozies. Greg and Kristin Van Scoy of Mariemont were awarded a Mariemont Night out, including dinner at the National Exemplar and a night in the King Suite at the Mariemont Inn. Jennifer Rafferty,

of Milford, took home third prize, a \$100 gift card to Kroger. Special thanks to those who donated prizes for the event!

"For me, the Art & Crafts Fair in Mariemont marks the beginning of autumn!" said Barb Anderson, president elect, "I think the fair also gets many holiday shoppers off to an early start." Nearly 100 community businesses and families supported the event with ads in the Art & Crafts Fair booklet. For those who missed the fair, supporters and exhibitors are listed in the booklet available from any Kiwanis member.

The Annual Art and Crafts Fair is one of Kiwanis' largest fundraisers for local scholarships. Other events include the annual Spring Golf Tournament and the upcoming Holiday Nut Sale. Membership in Kiwanis is open to anyone interested and all are invited to get involved.

# TP Historical Society new board members



The Terrace Park Historical Society welcomes three new board members: from left - Susan Rodgers, who has joined the archives and oral histories team; Ann Englehart, who will edit and design the organization's newsletter, Tracker; and Gregg Smith, who will oversee its Facebook presence, listserve announcements, and the website as social media editor.

The three recently met at TPHS headquarters to review recent acquisitions, including the vintage oak veneer cash register that is believed to have been used

in the Terrace Park Elementary School lunchroom; also, the Terrace Park classroom photos from the 1950s and '60s that were acquired on Craigslist. TPHS is asking the public to stop by its headquarters to help identify students in the photos.

The historical society is open to the public Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m., the first Sunday of most months from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and by appointment. TPHS is at 100 Miami Avenue, in the lower level of St. Thomas Church. To make an appointment call 248-1777.

## Police report

Police observed a vehicle traveling on Wooster Pike without tail-lights. After the vehicle stopped, police approached the vehicle and found the driver shuffling through different areas of his vehicle, apparently looking for his identification. The driver was very confused and had slurred speech. After exiting the vehicle, the driver was off balance and had to hold onto the vehicle to steady himself. With assistance from Milford Police, Terrace Park police detained the driver and arrested him for operating a vehicle under the influence.

A resident reported finding his XM receiver on the sidewalk. After checking his vehicle, the resident

realized the XM receiver had been taken from his car the previous night. Police informed that resident that there had been a situation during the night but that they had been unable to catch the suspects.

Police responded to a report of property damage to a house on Myrtle. A number of paint balls had been shot against the home. Police filed a report on the matter.

Police also responded to a coyote sighting, a noise complaint, a neighbor dispute, barking dogs, alarm drops, a vehicle lockout, and numerous properties found open.

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Sunday, November 6 – Mariemont Elementary Noon – 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 6 – Terrace

Park Elementary 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed-toe shoes and hard hats (we’ll have loaners) will be required dress as you tour the construction sites.

Mariemont City Schools will continue to preview buildings’ progress with community tours in the spring and summer as well.

Further construction and design information can be found on the Mariemont City Schools website at [www.mariemontschools.org/construction](http://www.mariemontschools.org/construction).

# TPHS marks anniversary with fun for everyone

[www.tphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tphistoricalsociety.org)  
Photos by Gregg Smith

The Terrace Park Historical Society took its 10th anniversary observance to the Village Green Sunday, Sept. 18, and welcomed the community to an afternoon and evening of old-fashioned fun

and fellowship.

A juggler, storyteller, magician and barbershop quartet kept early celebrants entertained, while popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream satisfied their sweet teeth.

Later, as families and friends enjoyed picnic dinners, the locally-based Little Miami River Band entertained their neighbors.



Virginia Marquett and Ralph Vilardo received special recognition at the anniversary celebration for all they have done in recent decades to preserve Terrace Park history, particularly that of the local school.



Linda Swensson, a.k.a Aunt Dee Dee, joined the celebration by entertaining children with songs and fairy tales. She is a longtime resident of Terrace Park who performs at Cincinnati area preschools.

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The Four Leads barbershop quartet paused for a breath and a photo with board members: from left - Kay Pope, Susan Abernethy Frank, Tricia DiMichele, Susan Rodgers and TPBS co-president Mary Arkeilpane, who chaired the anniversary celebration. Joining the line-up is Laney Willett, Kay's 4-year-old granddaughter.



Tasty treats were the order of the day - from ice cream to popcorn and cotton candy. Here, Laura Stanton and daughter Amanda Duff receive a confection from TPBS board member Kim Newton, whose son, Gordon Goodwin, donned a jester's cap and personally delivered treats at the Village Green.

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# Letters to the editor:

Dear residents and neighbors of Terrace Park,

Within this current month my wife Ann and I will be completing the sale of our home in Terrace Park. Our current plans are for us to move out of the home on Saturday October 15th. We will be residing outside of the village for a minimum of 6 to 8 months. Our long term plans remain undetermined and without commitment.

Since I cannot make a commitment to reinstate my residency status within a reasonable period of time, this move will make me immediately ineligible to continue to serve this village as an elected official. Therefore, I submit my resignation as councilman, Village of Terrace Park, effective at the adjournment of the regular council meeting on Tuesday October 11, 2011.

I've been privileged to work and serve with some of the most dedicated civic volunteers and

public employees that I've ever known. They make our village run smoothly and if they do their job well you don't even notice them. Whether they're paid by the village or they volunteer, in Terrace Park they're all professional and dedicated people and I have been honored to work alongside them.

I am also honored to have had the opportunity to serve this village that has been home to my family for over 13 years. When I was first elected to the job of councilman, I said that I didn't come with a specific cause or agenda to push. I just came to do the job. Terrace Park has given so much to me and my family that I could never come close to repaying my debt. While I was here, I just tried to make a little difference.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Muennich  
Councilman, Village of Terrace Park

# Final report: the Wooster Pike improvement committee

*Councilman Jim Muennich submitted the following report Terrace Park Village on October 11, 2011*

The Wooster Pike Improvement Committee was formed in January of 2008. The mission was to transform Wooster Pike from a four-lane state route that dissected our Village to a more peaceful residential street that was more in character with Terrace Park's warmth, friendliness and neighborly atmosphere which we all enjoy.

First we asked ODOT to change Wooster Pike to its current 3 lanes configuration. ODOT accepted our request and that was completed in the first year. This was done at no cost to the Village.

The committee then proposed to Council and to the community a project estimated at 2.5 million dollars that included sidewalks, curbs, repairs, paver crosswalks, new traffic lights and landscaped medians within the center lane. Funding was pursued from OKI, ODOT, and the federal government. Our estimate was that Terrace Park's share of this \$2.5 million project would cost the Village up to \$550,000. Before proceeding we conducted several open public meetings, with residents giving there input as plans were developed. A budget review was conducted and Council considered the funding requirements and, based upon the cash reserves in the Village coffers at the time

and due to the general strength of the economy and of the village's finances in the spring of 2008, Village Council approved the project. The project was then divided into two parts mostly due to funding requirements.

**Phase One** - Phase One was completed in 2010. It consisted of new traffic lights that allowed us to eliminate some of the poles and clutter around the Elm intersection. It also included new curbs and sidewalks along the Wooster corridor and repairs to the storm water drainage basins. At the time there was some concern by some as to the value of this part of the project. I believe that you must consider this project together with the medians that are now complete in order to appreciate the value of the new curbs and sidewalks.

Total Cost of Phase One - \$865,000. Terrace Park share was \$65,000.

This part of the project received significant funding from the Obama Stimulus. Although accepting those funds was controversial, Terrace Park ended up with a reduced share of the bill.

**Phase Two** - Phase Two began this past summer. This was the most anticipated part of the project and we needed to wait until the third year to do it. It consisted of the land-

scaped medians, the paver crosswalks and the new street lights.

Total Cost of Phase Two - \$944,000. Terrace Park share was \$156,000

Grand Totals - As a combined project over three years this project, was completed for \$1,809,000. Yes, we scaled it back a little, but instead of Terrace Park paying the expected \$550,000 that we allocated it cost our village a total of \$221,000. That's only 12 percent of the total project cost and we spread those payments out over the last three years.

I would like to thank the Committee Members, Councilman Stefan Olson, Residents Jim Peterkin, Sue Porter, Jim Porter, Ben Trefts and Diane Trefts for their help on this project.

The Wooster Pike Improvement Committee is not one of Village Council's main committees. It's an Ad Hoc committee that was formed for this one special project. This project is now considered complete and I recommend that the mayor disband the Committee. The medians, crosswalks, traffic lights are now part of the village and as such they fall under the various committees, duties and responsibilities of the existing Village Council committees.



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# Wooster Pike questions answered at council

Submitted to council by Councilman Jim Muennich

Several residents have expressed some concerns and asked questions about various things they were seeing as the Wooster Pike project was under construction. This is totally understandable since most of the planning and most of the decisions were made almost three years ago.

**1. Who will take care of the landscaping?** The answer is, the Village and its employees are responsible after the first year. The potential cost and impact of this maintenance was discussed and considered by the committee during the planning phase. The Village of currently owns and maintains

2,800 trees and dozens of acres of property when you consider the street right of ways and green spaces. It was the opinion of the Committee and Council that the new landscaping and trees on the medians would be a negligible increase to the current maintenance responsibility of the village. We determined that no additional employees, additional machinery, or equipment would be needed and that the budget impact would be negligible.

**2. What are the silver bases at the bottom of the poles?** They are part of the break-away safety system in case they're hit by a vehicle.

Our maintenance crew will also be mounding the ground cover and mulch to make a more natural look.

**3. Why were the lights on for 10 straight days, 24 hours a day wasting electricity?** The light bulbs needed to have a "break in" period where they burned constantly for 250 hours. Somehow, doing this gives the lamps a longer life.

**4. When will the old style lights be taken down?** Within four to six weeks, let's say by Thanksgiving. I know the lighting is brighter and that has caused some inconveniences for some people who weren't use to street lights shining through their win-

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# Terrace Park Sports

## Mariemont Athletic Boosters look to the future

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State and district budget cuts have made Booster organizations more important than ever. Mariemont City Schools initiated a participation fee last year for high school and junior high athletics. These funds go directly to the Board of Education to help offset transportation costs.

Booster President Greg Long's vision is not only to continue the association's course of funding, but also to help the athletic department with the loss of State funding so that Mariemont can maintain the outstanding athletic tradition that

Mariemont Junior High and Mariemont High School have enjoyed for years.

Major contributions that the Mariemont Athletic Boosters funded last year were:

- purchased aluminum volleyball posts to replace old metal posts
- purchased a portable and shaded scorer's table to be shared among the Lacrosse, Track and Swim teams
- purchased matching athletic bags for the swim team
- purchased lacrosse frames, rage cages, nets and balls
- provided meals and related expenses to state tournament bound athletes and coaches
- contributed to the stadium upgrades: new sand-based turf (no more hot rubber) and spacious press box
- awarded college scholarships to two graduating seniors
- paid for coach training and certification in national and state pro-

grams and clinics

- sponsored fall, winter and spring Sports Awards Night to honor athletes
- paid for special awards for league, district, regional and state championships
- paid the expenses for senior night recognitions
- designates \$10,000 each year for coaches' "wish lists" for items that fall outside the usual needs of a team, including training aids and extra training equipment
- contributes half of season pass sales directly to the athletic department for operational expenses

In the 2010-11 school year, the club raised \$85,000 through the following events:

- Booster membership drive, currently at 240 family and individual members
- Spring FAB gala - a combined effort with Mariemont Fine Arts and Mariemont Foundation
- Fall golf outing, which welcomes



2011-12 Mariemont Athletic Booster board members are: back row: Jo & Alan Henning, Julie & Scott Weston, Sally & Mike Gaburo, Holly & Tad Krafft; row 4: Vicky & Steve Quiambo, Julie & Tim Perry, Julie & Tim Stewart, Diana & Dave Leach; row 3: Beth & Bill Flynn, Susan & Greg Malone, Missy & Mike Bottom, Jelina & Randy Huber, John & Pat Wirthlin; row 2: Amy & Brandy Cowart, Shannon Gilmore, Dawn Harden, Donna & Ron Goheen; front row: Linda (Membership Chair) & Rob Bartlett, Jean Marie (Treasurer) & Tiger Nelson, Wendy & Greg (President) Long, Candace Fries (Secretary); Not Pictured: Aimee & Carter Kemper, Dana & John Rolander, Pam & Dave Moreton, Bren Fries, Graham Harden, Tom Gilmore

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